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1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE DATED MARCH 27
TO DR. V.A. ZEMSKY, CHIEF, LABORATORY OF MARINE MAMMALS,
VNIRO, 17 Krasnosel'skaya, WITH COPIES TO DR. I. V.
NIKONOROV, DIRECTOR, GLAVRYBVOD, MINISTRY OF FISHERIES
AND KAZAKOV, HYDROMET.

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DR. V.A. ZEMSKY

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CHIEF, LABORATORY OF MARINE MAMMALS
VNIRO
17 Krasnosel'skaya
MOSCOW B-140

DEAR DR. ZEMSKY:

THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO YOUR RECENT LETTER FORWARDED THROUGH THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW. I AM PLEASED TO NOTE THAT

YOU, DR. FEDOSEEV AND DR. MINEEV ARE PLANNING TO TAKE PART IN THE AERIAL SURVEY WORK AND SURVEYOR CRUISE IN ALASKA. WITH REGARD TO THE AERIAL SURVEY ON BOWHEAD WHALES WE BELIEVE THAT WE CAN FIND ACCOMMODATIONS AT THE TOWN OF BARROW THAT WILL FALL WITHIN YOUR MAXIMUM ALLOTMENT OF 60 DOLLARS A DAY FOR THE TWO OF YOU. HOWEVER, SCHEDULING MAY BE A PROBLEM, IN THAT THE CRUISE OF THE SURVEYOR WILL BE DEPARTING ON MAY 2 AND THE PLACE OF BOARDING THE VESSEL WILL BE ST. PAUL ISLAND IN THE PRIBILOFS. THAT WILL NECESSITATE DR. FEDOSEEV AND DR. MINEEV TO TRAVEL FROM ANCHORAGE TO ST. PAUL PROBABLY ON MAY 1. IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE DR. FEDOSEEV'S PARTICIPATING IN THE AERIAL SURVEY DUE TO THE TIGHT SCHEDULE. THERE WILL NOT BE SUFFICIENT TIME TO ACCOMPANY YOU TO BARROW, PARTICIPATE IN ANY AERIAL SURVEYS, AND RETURN TO ANCHORAGE TO TRAVEL TO ST. PAUL. THEREFORE, I SUGGEST THAT THE THREE OF YOU SCHEDULE YOUR TRAVEL FROM NEW YORK TO SEATTLE ON THE 24TH APRIL WHERE YOU WILL MEET WITH DR. GEORGE HARRY TO WORK OUT LAST MINUTE SCHEDULING AND PLANNING. I SUGGEST THAT FROM SEATTLE YOU TRAVEL TO BARROW FOR AERIAL SURVEY WORK AND DR. FEDOSEEV AND DR. MINEEV WILL TRAVEL TO FAIRBANKS TO MEET WITH JOHN BURNS AND PREPARE FOR THE VESSEL CRUISE ON THE SURVEYOR. YOU SHOULD PLAN FOR ROUND UNCLASSIFIED

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TRIP AIR TICKETS FROM NEW YORK TO SEATTLE TO BARROW AND RETURN, PROBABLY VIA THE SAME ROUTE. DR. FEDOSEEV AND DR. MINEEV SHOULD PLAN FOR ROUND TRIP AIR TICKETS FROM NEW YORK TO SEATTLE TO FAIRBANKS TO ANCHORAGE TO ST. PAUL ISLAND WHERE THEY WILL JOIN THE VESSEL, AND RETURN FROM KODIAK TO ANCHORAGE TO SEATTLE TO NEW YORK AND RETURN TO THE USSR. ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DR. FEDOSEEV AND DR. MINEEV ON BOARD THE VESSEL WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE "RECEIVING SIDE PAYS BASIS"; HOWEVER, THEY SHOULD PLAN ON SEVERAL DAYS OF HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS BEFORE AND AFTER JOINING THE VESSEL AND YOU SHOULD PLAN ON HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE 2 WEEKS THAT YOU WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE AERIAL SURVEY, WORKING OUT OF THE TOWN OF BARROW, ALASKA. THE PLANNED CRUISE ON THE SURVEYOR IS SCHEDULED FOR DEPARTURE ON MAY 2 FROM THE ISLAND OF ST. PAUL WORKING THROUGHOUT THE NORTHERN BERING SEA, WITH A PORT CALL ON MAY 19 AT KODIAK. THE CRUISE WILL DEPART KODIAK ON MAY 22 AND AGAIN WORK IN THE NORTHERN BERING SEA UNTIL MAKING THE NEXT PORT CALL IN KODIAK ON JUNE 15. MR. JOHN BURNS WILL BE SCIENTIFIC PARTY CHIEF FOR THE FIRST LEG OF THE CRUISE, MAY 2 TO MAY 19, AT WHICH TIME HE WILL DEPART THE VESSEL FOR A RINGED SEAL SURVEY TO TAKE PLACE FROM JUNE 10

TO JUNE 20. DR. FRANCIS FAY WILL JOIN THE VESSEL ON MAY 20 FOR THE SECOND LEG OF THE CRUISE, MAY 22 TO JUNE 15.

DR. FEDOSEEV IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RINGED SEAL SURVEY WITH MR. BURNS, IF HE WOULD LIKE TO, WHICH WOULD MEAN THAT HE WOULD ALSO LEAVE THE VESSEL ON MAY 19 AND TRAVEL WITH MR. BURNS TO FAIRBANKS AND BARROW. IF DR. FEDOSEEV WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RINGED SEAL SURVEY, HE SHOULD HAVE HIS AIR TICKETS TO INCLUDE RETURN FLIGHT FROM KODIAK TO FAIRBANKS TO BARROW BACK TO FAIRBANKS TO SEATTLE AND TO NEW YORK AND RETURN TO THE USSR. DR. MINEEV COULD STAY ON BOARD THE VESSEL FOR THE SECOND LEG OF THE CRUISE WHICH WOULD TERMINATE ON JUNE 15 AT KODIAK. HE COULD THEN EITHER GO DIRECTLY HOME OR HE UNCLASSIFIED

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COULD TRAVEL TO FAIRBANKS UNTIL DR. FEDOSEEV AND MR. BURNS RETURN ON JUNE 21. THAT IS AN OPTION THAT WE ARE PRESENTING TO DR. FEDOSEEV BECAUSE THERE IS ONLY ROOM FOR ONE PERSON TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RINGED SEAL SURVEY AND WE RECOGNIZE THAT DR. FEDOSEEV HAS STRONG PROFESSIONAL INTEREST IN RINGED SEAL STUDIES. PLEASE INFORM US NO LATER THAN THE BEGINNING OF THE FUR SEAL COMMISSION MEETINGS IN OTTAWA AS TO YOUR PLANS AND THOSE OF DRS. FEDOSEEV AND MINEEV AS TO WHAT SCHEDULE THEY WISH TO HOLD TO. DRS. FEDOSEEV AND MINEEV SHOULD HAVE THEIR VISAS INCLUDE THE PERIOD OF ENTRY (APRIL 24) PROBABLY THRU THE END OF JUNE OR AT LEAST JUNE 23 TO ENABLE PARTICIPATION IN THE OPTIONAL RINGED SEAL SURVEY IF IT IS DESIRED.

YOUR SUGGESTION FOR OUR SCIENTISTS TO BOARD THE TRAPPING VESSEL ZUBAREVO IN THE AREA OF PT. BARROW IS AGREEABLE TO OUR SCIENTISTS AND WE COULD PLAN ON THAT FOR A SPECIFIC DATE TO BE DETERMINED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE SUGGESTION FOR DEPARTING THE CRUISE OFF THE SETTLEMENT OF GAMBLE ON ST. LAWRENCE ISLAND IS ALSO ACCEPTABLE FOR THE APPROXIMATE TIME OF THE END OF AUGUST AND WE SHALL DETERMINE AN EXACT DATE FOR THAT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, THERE IS AN ABSOLUTE REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN A PERMIT TO CONDUCT RESEARCH WITHIN THE U.S. FISHERY CONSERVATION ZONE FOR THE PLANNED RESEARCH CRUISE. THE TIME REQUIRED TO PROCESS THIS PERMIT COULD BE UP TO 2 MONTHS, SO IT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE THAT YOU DEVELOP THE APPLICATION AND SUBMIT IT TO THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR FISHERIES, NOAA, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. UNDER SEPARATE COVER I AM SENDING AN APPROPRIATE PERMIT APPLICATION. THE LISTING OF SPECIES AND NUMBERS PLANNED TO BE TAKEN WHICH YOU PRESENTED IN YOUR LETTER IS NOT, I REPEAT NOT, SUFFICIENT INFORMATION UPON WHICH TO GRANT A PERMIT. YOU WILL HAVE TO PRESENT UNCLASSIFIED

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A REASONABLY DETAILED RESEARCH PLAN THAT JUSTIFIES ANY PROPOSED TAKING IN THE U.S. FISHERY CONSERVATION ZONE. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO HELP AND FACILITATE IN ANY WAY WE CAN THE PROCESSING OF THE PERMIT APPLICATION; HOWEVER, IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT SUFFICIENT INFORMATION BE

PRESENTED ON THE OBJECTIVES OF THE RESEARCH, THE CRUISE PLAN, AND THE SPECIES AND NUMBERS PLANNED TO BE TAKEN TO ENABLE US TO PROCESS THE PERMIT WITHOUT UNDUE DELAYS. YOU SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT SUCH PERMIT APPLICATIONS ARE REVIEWED BY SEVERAL AGENCIES AS WELL AS THE UNITED STATES PUBLIC AND, AS SUCH, QUESTIONS MAY ARISE AT ANY POINT ON THE PURPOSE AND THE VALUE OF THE PROPOSED RESEARCH. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU MIGHT WORK THROUGH MR. ZNAMENSKY AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, IN WHICH CASE I CAN WORK WITH HIM TO TRY AND DEVELOP AN ADEQUATE PERMIT APPLICATION AND ASSIST IN PROCESSING IT.

TURNING TO ANOTHER SUBJECT, WE NOTE YOUR INTENT TO SEND THE THREE SPECIALISTS, WHO ARE INVESTIGATING PROBLEMS WITH MAINTAINING MARINE MAMMALS IN CAPTIVITY, TO SAN DIEGO IN LATE MAY OF THIS YEAR. WE ARE EXAMINING THE POSSIBILITIES OF THIS PROPOSAL AND WILL INFORM YOU AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY AS TO WHETHER IT WILL BE POSSIBLE.

I NOTE THAT THE LOCATION FOR THE NEXT PROJECT MEETING IN EARLY JULY HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED. I WOULD REITERATE OUR FEELINGS THAT THE MOST PRODUCTIVE MEETINGS ARE HELD AT LOCATIONS OR LABORATORIES OF SUBSTANTIAL MARINE MAMMAL RESEARCH AND, THEREFORE, WE WOULD LIKE TO AGAIN EXPRESS OUR INTEREST IN MEETING IN EITHER VLADIVOSTOK OR MAGADAN AT ONE OF THE TINRO RESEARCH LABORATORIES. I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR RESPONSE ON THE LOCATION OF THE JULY MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE WE MUST HAVE AT LEAST 8 WEEKS TO PROCESS FOREIGN TRAVEL REQUESTS. WE ARE TENTATIVELY PLANNING ON A DELEGATION OF UP TO 8

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SCIENTISTS FOR THE JULY MEETING.

FINALLY, I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU AND DR. FEDOSEEV AND MINEEV TO PLAN, IN SO FAR AS POSSIBLE, ON PARTICIPATING IN JOINT DISCUSSIONS OR PRESENTING SEMINARS THAT MAY BE ORGANIZED IN SEATTLE OR FAIRBANKS WITH ACADEMIC PARTICIPATION. I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR EARLY RESPONSE TO THESE ITEMS AND

SUGGEST THAT SOME FINAL PLANS AND SCHEDULES COULD BE
RELAYED THROUGH DR. HARRY AT THE FUR SEAL COMMISSION
MEETINGS IN EARLY APRIL. SINCERELY, R.V. MILLER. COOPER

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